

**Amendments to the Drawings:**

The attached sheets of replacement drawings include changes to Figs 1-3. The term "PRIOR ART" was added to each of the Figures.

**REMARKS**

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated October 19, 2006. Claims 1-24 are pending. Claims 1, 23 and 24 are independent and claims 23 and 24 have been amended.

Applicants thank the Examiner for considering claims 1-23 as allowable.

In the Office Action, Figs. 1-3 were objected to. Applicants have amended the drawings according to the Examiner's suggestions; accordingly applicants respectfully request that this objection be withdrawn.

In the Office Action, claim 24 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112. Applicants submit that claim 24 has been amended to overcome the rejection. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the currently-pending claims are in condition for allowance and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited. The

Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or surcharges that

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may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 14-1270.

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